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L6 ANSWER I OF 13 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:9997 USPATFULL

TTTLE: Antagonism of TGF-beta superfamily receptor signaling INVENTOR(S): Vale, Wylie, La Jolla, CA, UNITED STATES

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Choe, Senyon, Solana Beach, CA, UNITED STATES

NUMBER KIND DATE

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2006008846 Al 20060112 APPLICATION INFO.: US 2005-115877 Al 20050427 (11)

NUMBER DATE

PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 2004-565594P 20040427 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility

FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

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HOUSTON, TX, 77010-3095, US

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 32

EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 11 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1872

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB Members of the TGF-.beta. superfamily control many physiologic and pathophysiologic processes in multiple tissues and signal via type II and type I receptor serine kinases. Type II activin receptors are promiscuous and known to bind 12 TGF-.beta. ligands including activins, myostatin, BMPs and nodal. Methods are described for the screening and identification of antagonist for TGF-.beta. superfamily members, in particular activin-A antagonist.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L6 ANSWER 2 OF 13 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2006 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 1

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:474546 CAPLUS

TITLE: Developmental roles of the BMP1/TLD metalloproteinases

AUTHOR(S): Ge, Gaoxiang; Greenspan, Daniel S.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine,

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA

SOURCE: Birth Defects Research, Part C: Embryo Today--Reviews

(2006), 78(1), 47-68

CODEN: BDRPDV; ISSN: 1542-975X

PUBLISHER: Wiley-Liss, Inc.
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB The astacin family (M12A) of the metzincin subclan MA(M) of metalloproteinases has been detected in developing and mature individuals of species that range from hydra to humans. Functions of this family of metalloproteinase vary from digestive degrdn. of polypeptides, to biosynthetic processing of extracellular proteins, to activation of growth factors. This review will focus on a small subgroup of the astacin family, the bone morphogenetic protein 1 (BMP1)/Tolloid (TLD)-like metalloproteinases. In vertebrates, the BMP1/TLD-like metalloproteinases play key roles in regulating formation of the extracellular matrix (ECM) via biosynthetic processing of various precursor proteins into mature functional enzymes, structural proteins, and proteins involved in initiating mineralization of the ECM of hard tissues. Roles in ECM formation include: processing of the C-propeptides of procollagens types I-III, to yield the major fibrous components of vertebrate ECM; proteolytic activation of the enzyme lysyl oxidase, necessary to formation of covalent cross-links in collagen and elastic fibers; processing of NH2-terminal globular domains and C-propeptides of types V and XI procollagen chains to yield monomers that are incorporated into and control the diams. of collagen type I and II fibrils, resp.; processing of precursors for laminin 5 and collagen type VII, both of which are involved in securing epidermis to underlying dermis; and maturation of small leucine-rich proteoglycans. The BMP1/TLD-related metalloproteinases are also capable of activating the vertebrate transforming growth factor-.beta. (TGF-.beta.)-like "chalones" growth differentiation factor 8 (GDF8, also known as myostatin), and GDF11 (also known as BMP11), involved in neg. feedback inhibition of muscle and neural tissue growth, resp.; by freeing them from noncovalent latent complexes with their cleaved prodomains. BMP1/TLD-like proteinases also liberate the vertebrate TGF-beta-like morphogens BMP2 and 4 and their invertebrate ortholog decapentaplegic, from latent complexes with the vertebrate extracellular antagonist chordin and its invertebrate ortholog short gastrulation (SOG). resp. The result is formation of the BMP signaling gradients that form the dorsal-ventral axis in embryogenesis. Thus, BMP1/TLD-like proteinases appear to be key to regulating and orchestrating formation of the ECM and signaling by various TGF-.beta.-like proteins in morphogenetic and homeostatic events.

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L6 ANSWER 3 OF 13 USPATFULL on STN DUPLICATE 2

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005:50433 USPATFULL

TITLE: Metalloprotease activation of myostatin, and methods of modulating myostatin activity

INVENTOR(S): Lee, Se-Jin, Baltimore, MD, UNITED STATES
McPherron, Alexandra C., Baltimore, MD, UNITED STATES
Greenspan, Daniel S., Madison, WI, UNITED STATES
Pappano, William N., Columbia, MD, UNITED STATES

Wolfman, Neil, Dover, MA, UNITED STATES
Tomkinson, Kathy, Cambridge, MA, UNITED STATES

NUMBER KIND DATE

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2005043232 Al 20050224 APPLICATION INFO.: US 2003-665374 Al 20030916 (10)

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility

FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 66

EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 12 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 2732

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB It has been determined that metalloprotease cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide results in activation of a latent inactive myostatin to an active form. Accordingly, methods of identifying agents that modulate metalloprotease mediated activation of myostatin are provided, as are agents identified using such methods. Also provided are methods of modulating muscle growth in an organism by increasing or decreasing metalloprotease mediated cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L6 ANSWER 4 OF 13 WPIDS COPYRIGHT 2006 THE THOMSON CORP on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005-285404 [29] WPIDS

DOC. NO. CPI: C2005-088616

TITLE: New muscle-targeting fusion protein for treating

muscle-related diseases, e.g. muscle atrophy, comprises a ligand that binds a target surface protein; a therapeutic agent; and a multimerizing component and/or a signal

sequence.

DERWENT CLASS: B04 D16 INVENTOR(S): GLASS, D J

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): (GLAS-I) GLASS D J; (REGE-N) REGENERON PHARM INC

COUNTRY COUNT: 108 PATENT INFORMATION:

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AB WO2005033134 A UPAB: 20050506

NOVELTY - A targeting fusion polypeptide comprising a first component comprising a targeting ligand, or its derivative or fragment, capable of binding specifically to a pre-selected cell surface protein; a second component comprising at least one active or therapeutic agent; and optionally, a multimerizing component capable of forming a multimer with another targeting fusion polypeptide; and/or a signal sequence, is new.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for:

- (1) an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the above fusion polypeptide; and
- (2) a pharmaceutical composition comprising the above fusion polypeptide and a carrier.

ACTIVITY - Muscular-Gen. No biological data given.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - Gene therapy.

USE - The fusion protein is useful in therapy or in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a muscle-related condition or disease in a subject suffering from a condition which would benefit from the medicament, such as muscle atrophy or muscle dystrophy (claimed). Dwg.0/0

L6 ANSWER 5 OF 13 Elsevier BIOBASE COPYRIGHT 2006 Elsevier Science B.V. on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005179489 ESBIOBASE

TITLE: GDF11 forms a bone morphogenetic protein 1-activated

latent complex that can modulate nerve growth factor-induced differentiation of PC12 cells

AUTHOR: Ge G.; Hopkins D.R.; Ho W.-B.; Greenspan D.S.

CORPORATE SOURCE: D.S. Greenspan, Department of Pathology and Laboratory

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SOURCE: Molecular and Cellular Biology, (2005), 25/14

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CODEN: MCEBD4 ISSN: 0270-7306

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article

COUNTRY: United States
LANGUAGE: English
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB All transforming growth factor .beta. (TGF-.beta.) superfamily members are synthesized as precursors with prodomain sequences that are proteolytically removed by subtilisin-like proprotein convertases (SPCs). For most superfamily members, this is believed sufficient for activation. Exceptions are TGF-beta.s 1 to 3 and growth differentiation factor 8 (GDF8), also known as myostatin, which form noncovalent, latent complexes with their SPC-cleaved prodomains. Sequence similarities between TGF-.beta.s 1 to 3, myostatin, and superfamily member GDF11, also known as bone morphogenetic protein 11 (BMP11), prompted us to examine whether GDF11 might be capable of forming a latent complex with its cleaved prodomain. Here we demonstrate that GDF11 forms a noncovalent latent complex with its SPC-cleaved prodomain and that this latent complex is activated via cleavage at a single specific site by members of the developmentally important BMP1/Tolloid family of metalloproteinases. Evidence is provided for a molecular model whereby formation and activation of this complex may play a general role in modulating neural differentiation. In particular, mutant GDF11 prodomains impervious to cleavage by BMP1/Tolloid proteinases are shown to be potent stimulators of neurodifferentiation, with potential for therapeutic applications. Copyright .COPYRGT. 2005, American Society for Microbiology. All Rights Reserved.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:252617 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:249207

TITLE: Modulating myostatin activity with metalloprotease and

use in controlling muscle growth

INVENTOR(S): Lee, Se-jin; Mcpherron, Alexandra C.; Greenspan,

Daniel S.; Pappano, William N.; Wolfman, Neil;

Tomkinson, Kathy

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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): The Johns Hopkins University, USA; Wisconsin Alumni
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AB It has been detd. that metalloprotease cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide results in activation of a latent inactive myostatin to an active form. Accordingly, methods of identifying agents that modulate metalloprotease mediated activation of myostatin are provided, as are agents identified using such methods. Also provided are methods of modulating muscle growth in an organism by increasing or decreasing metalloprotease mediated cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide.

L6 ANSWER 7 OF 13 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2006 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 4

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:252308 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:283388

Modulating myostatin activity with metalloprotease and TITLE: use in controlling muscle mass and treating muscle

wasting disorder

INVENTOR(S): Wolfman, Neil; Tomkinson, Kathy PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Wyeth, John, and Brother Ltd., USA

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AB It has been detd. that metalloprotease cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide results in activation of a latent inactive myostatin to an active form. Accordingly, methods of identifying agents that modulate metalloprotease mediated activation of myostatin are provided, as are agents identified using such methods. Also provided are methods of modulating muscle growth in an organism by increasing or decreasing metalloprotease mediated cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide. The invention demonstrated that cleavage of the pro peptides by BMP-1/ tolloid (TLD) proteinase. The invention further relates to treating muscle wasting disease assocd. with muscular dystrophy, cachexia, sarcopenia, diabetes and obesity.

L6 ANSWER 8 OF 13 USPATFULL on STN DUPLICATE 5

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:178948 USPATFULL

TITLE: Metalloprotease activation of myostatin, and methods of

modulating myostatin activity

INVENTOR(S): Wolfman, Neil, Dover, MA, UNITED STATES Tomkinson, Kathy, Cambridge, MA, UNITED STATES

NUMBER KIND DATE

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2004138118 A1 20040715 APPLICATION INFO.: US 2003-662438 A1 20030916 (10)

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility

FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 21 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 12 Drawing Page(s)

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB It has been determined that metalloprotease cleavage

of a myostatin pro peptide results in activation of a latent inactive myostatin to an active form. Accordingly, methods of identifying agents that modulate

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myostatin are provided, as are agents identified using such methods. Also provided are methods of modulating muscle growth

in an organism by increasing or decreasing metalloprotease mediated cleavage of a myostatin pro peptide.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L6 ANSWER 9 OF 13 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:39572 USPATFULL

TITLE:

Myostatin regulatory region, nucleotide sequence

determination and methods for its use

INVENTOR(S):

Findly, Robert Craig, Wethersfield, CT, UNITED STATES

NUMBER KIND DATE

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2004030114 A1 20040212 APPLICATION INFO.: US 2003-610473 A1 20030630 (10)

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FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 28 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 4 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1123

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB The present invention relates to a transcription regulatory region of a myostatin gene. In particular, the invention relates to a 2.5 kb polynucleotide immediately 5' to the myostatin coding sequence, its nucleotide sequence and methods of using this regulatory region, and fragments thereof. The present invention relates to the use of the myostatin promoter of the present invention to direct expression of a target gene in a tissue specific manner, i.e. muscle tissue. The present invention relates to the use of the myostatin promoter of the present invention in high throughput screens to identify test compounds which inhibit myostatin promoter activity or myostatin expression. In accordance with the present invention, inhibitors of the myostatin promoter may be used to inhibit myostatin expression as a method of engineering animals with increased lean meat in order to decrease the time required to bring the animals to slaughter, and of promoting muscle growth for treating disorders related to expression of the myostatin gene, such as muscle wasting associated with aging or disease in humans and companion animals, particularly cats and dogs.

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AB The present invention relates to a transcription regulatory region of a myostatin gene. In particular, the invention relates to a 2.5 kb polynucleotide immediately 5' to the myostatin coding sequence, its nucleotide sequence and methods of using this regulatory region, and fragments thereof. The present invention relates to the use of the myostatin promoter of the present invention to direct expression of a target gene in a tissue specific manner, i.e. muscle tissue. The present invention relates to the use of the myostatin promoter of the present invention in high throughput screens to identify test compounds which inhibit myostatin promoter activity or myostatin expression. In accordance with the present invention, inhibitors of the myostatin promoter may be used to inhibit myostatin expression as a method of engineering animals with increased lean meat in order to decrease the time required to bring the animals to slaughter, and of promoting muscle growth for treating disorders related to expression of the myostatin gene, such as muscle wasting associated with aging or disease in humans and companion animals, particularly cats and dogs.

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AB The present invention relates to the use of a protein, GASP1, comprising at least one follistatin domain to modulate the level or activity of growth and differentiation factor-8 (GDF-8). More particularly, the

invention relates to the use of GASP1 for treating disorders that are related to modulation of the level or activity of GDF-8. The invention is useful for treating muscular diseases and disorders, particularly those in which an increase in muscle tissue would be therapeutically beneficial. The invention is also useful for treating diseases and disorders related to metabolism, adipose tissue, and bone degeneration. CLMN 47 17 Figure(s).

FIG. 1 shows antibody purification of the GDF-8 complex from wild-type mouse serum. A silver stained reducing gel shows proteins purified from wild type mouse serum using the JA16 monoclonal antibody covalently coupled to agarose beads. A control purification (0) with mock-coupled beads was performed in parallel. Subsequent elutions with buffer (mock elute), a competing peptide, and SDS sample buffer revealed two visible protein bands which were specifically eluted with peptide from the JA16-conjugated beads (indicated by arrows).

FIG. 2 shows the identification of mature and unprocessed GDF-8 in affinity purified samples from normal mouse serum. FIG. 2A shows a representative MS/MS spectrum of a GDF-8 derived peptide (SEQ ID NO:19) identified from the 12 kDa band visible in the affinity purified sample. Both N-terminal fragment ions (b ions) and C-terminal fragment ions (y ions) are visible. Notably, the most intense y fragment ions result from fragmentation before the proline residue, a common characteristic of proline containing peptides. FIG. 2B shows a western blot probed with a polyclonal antibody that recognizes the mature region of GDF-8, confirming the presence of GDF-8 in the affinity purified samples. Both the mature and unprocessed forms of GDF-8 are visible.

FIG. 3 shows the GDF-8 propeptide and follistatin-like related gene (FLRG) bind to circulating GDF-8 isolated from normal mouse serum. Representative MS/MS spectra from GDF-8 propeptide (SEQ ID NO:23) (FIG. 3A) and FLRG (SEQ ID NO:30) (FIG. 3C) derived peptides identified in the 36 kDa band are shown. FIG. 3B shows a western blot of affinity purified GDF-8 complex probed with a polyclonal antibody that specifically recognizes the propeptide region of GDF-8, confirming the mass spectrometric identification of this protein in the GDF-8 complex. Both the clipped propeptide and unprocessed GDF-8 are visible-at longer exposures, unprocessed can also be seen in the SDS eluted sample. FIG. 3D shows a western blot of affinity purified GDF-8 complex probed with a monoclonal antibody to FLRG.

FIG. 4 shows results from a thorough analysis of a large scale GDF-8 purification that identified GDF-8 propeptide, FLRG, and a novel protein as the major GDF-8 binding proteins in serum. A silver stained gel was dissected into 13 slices from the peptide eluted sample of both negative control and JA16 immunoprecipitates. The proteins in each slice were digested with trypsin and identified using nanoflow-LC-MS/MS and database searching. Proteins unique to the JA16 sample included only unprocessed and mature GDF-8, GDF-8 propeptide, FLRG, and a novel multidomain protease inhibitor (GDF-associated serum protein 1, GASP1). These proteins were identified from the noted regions of the gel. FIG. 5 shows that a novel multidomain protease inhibitor, GASP1, is bound to GDF-8 in serum. FIGS. 5A (peptide assigned SEQ ID NO:31) and 5B (peptide assigned SEQ ID NO:33) show representative MS/MS spectra from two GASP1 peptides, identified in band 3 of the silver stained gel of FIG. 4

FIG. 6A shows the predicted nucleotide sequence to mouse GASP1. FIG. 6B shows a predicted alternative nucleotide sequence to mouse GASP1. FIG. 6C shows the predicted amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequences shown in FIGS. 6A and 6B. The protein sequences encoded by the two nucleotide sequences are identical because the nucleotide differences are all in wobble codon positions. The follistatin domain is shown in bold and underlined.

FIG. 7A shows the predicted nucleotide sequence of human GASP1. FIG. 7B shows the corresponding predicted amino acid sequence. The follistatin domain is shown in bold and underlined. FIG. 7C shows the predicted nucleotide sequence of human GASP1 using an alternative start site. FIG. 7D shows the corresponding predicted amino acid sequence. The follistatin domain is shown in bold and underlined. The end of the sequence is denoted by the asterisk.

FIG. 8A shows the predicted nucleotide sequence to mouse GASP2, while FIG. 8B shows the corresponding predicted amino acid sequence. The follistatin domain is shown in bold and underlined.

FIG. 9A shows the predicted nucleotide sequence to human GASP2, while FIG. 9B shows the corresponding predicted amino acid sequence. The follistatin domain is shown in bold and underlined.
FIG. 10 shows that mouse GASP1 is expressed in many adult tissues and during development. The figure shows tissue expression profiles of mouse GASP1. A 551 bp fragment of GASP1 was amplified from normalized first-strand cDNA panels from Clontech (Palo Alto, Calif.). A portion of glyceraldehyde-3phosphate dehydrogenase (G3PDH) was amplified as a

control. G3PDH expression is known to be high in skeletal muscle and low in testis. The cDNA panels were normalized against beta-actin, phospholipase A2, and ribosomal protein S29, in addition to G3PDH. FIG. 11 shows proteins isolated from human serum. Proteins from a JA16 immunoprecipitate or a control sample (0) were eluted in a mock PBS elution, a competing peptide elution, or a SDS elution. The proteins in the indicated regions of the gel were digested with trypsin and analyzed by LS-MS/MS and database searching. The proteins present in the JA16 sample but not in the control sample were mature GDF-8 (band 16), GDF-8 propeptide and FLRG (band 11), and human GASP1 (band 4). FIG. 11B shows a

western blot of an identical JA16 immunoprecipitate probed with an antibody that recognizes mature GDF-8. Bands corresponding to mature and unprocessed GDF-8 isolated from human serum are visible.

FIG. 12 shows representative mass spectra of a peptide derived from GDF-8

and associated proteins isolated from bands 4, 11, and 16 (FIG. 11). The peptide sequence and N-terminal (b ions) and C-terminal (y ions) are shown. A complete listing of identified peptides is provided in Table 1. Spectra are shown from a GASP1 peptide (SEQ ID NO:44) (FIG. 12A), a FLRG peptide (SEQ ID NO:41) (FIG. 12B), a GDF-8 propeptide peptide (SEQ ID NO:24) (FIG. 12C), and a mature GDF-8 peptide (SEQ ID NO:13) (FIG. 12D). FIG. 13 shows the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:48) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:49) sequences of cloned mouse GASP1. The peptides identified by mass spectrometry in JAI 6 affinity-purified samples are underlined. The end of the sequence is denoted by the asterisk.

FIG. 14A shows the domain structure of GASP1. GASP1 has a signal sequence/ cleavage site after amino acid 29. In addition, GASP1 contains two Kunitz/BPT1 serine protease inhibitor domains, a follistatin domain (including a Kazal serine protease inhibitor motif) and a netrin domain, which may inhibit metalloproteases. FIG. 14B shows the phylogenetic tree of GASP1 and GASP2 predicted from the mouse and human genomic sequences. Mouse and human GASP1 are 90% identical. GASP1 and GASP2 are 54% identical.

FIG. 15 shows that recombinantly-produced GASP1 binds separately to both GDF-8 and GDF-8 propeptide. (A) JA16 was used to immunoprecipitate GDF-8 from mock- or GASP1-V5-His transfected COS cell conditioned media supplemented with recombinant purified GDF-8 and/or propeptide. Western blots with anti-V5 (top panel), anti-GDF-8 (middle panel), or anti-propeptide polyclonal antibodies were used to determine whether these proteins were present in the immunoprecipitate. (B)

Recombinantly-produced GASP1 protein was immunoprecipitated by anti-V5 tag antibodies from mock- or GASP1-V5-His conditioned media supplemented with recombinant purified GDF-8 and/or propeptide. The immunoprecipitate

was analyzed by western blotting as in (A). FIG. 16 shows that GASP1 inhibits the biological activity of GDF8 and the highly related BMP-11, but not activin or TGF-beta . Various dilutions of conditioned media from mock (open circles) or GASP1-V5-His (filled squares) transfectants were incubated with (A) 10 ng/ml GDF-8, (B) 10 ng/ml BMP-11, (C) 10 ng/ml activin, or (D) 0.5 ng/ml TGF-p. These samples were then subjected to a luciferase reporter activity assay in A204 (A-C) or RD (D) cells to determine the activity of the added growth factors. Luciferase activity is shown in relative luciferase units. The activity resulting from each of the growth factors alone is shown by the filled diamonds and short dashed line. Without addition of any growth factor, the background activity in the assay is low, as shown by the long dashed line with no symbols. FIG. 17 shows the potency of GASP1 inhibition of GDF-8. Purified GASP1 was tested for its ability to inhibit 20 ng/ml of myostatin in the (CAGA)12 (SEQ ID NO:53) luciferase reporter assay in RD cells (filled squares). The activity resulting from GDF-8 alone is shown by the filled diamonds and short dashed line. The activity present when no growth factors are added is shown by the long dashed

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